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AGENT FOR JOINT DISEASE AND)		Confirmation No.: 4195
HYALURONIC ACID)	

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2004,
please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Attachments include copies of three certified English
translations of Japanese priority documents are attached
following page 9 of this paper.